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SUBJ: INCREASE IN F-1 NIV APPLICATIONS BY IRANIANS

REF: LUXEMBOURG 0055; STATE 23068

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH DIRECTOR, PLACEMENT OF FOREIGN STUDENTS, MIN OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION (MSHE) WHO COULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION FOR SUDDEN INCREASEHVMX1 APPLICATIONS BY IRANIAN STUDENTS IN LUXEMBOURG.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SUCH STUDENTS WISH TO AVOID RIGOROUS SCREENING PROCESS AT EMBASSY TEHRAN. RETURNING STUDENTS HERE ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT CERTIFIED COPY OF TRANSCRIPT COVERING ENTIRE PERIOD STUDENT STATUS IN US TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE BEEN PURSUING FULL COURSE OF STUDY AND TO DEMONSTRATE EVIDENCE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO CONTINUE SCHOOLING.

3. IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT BONAFIDE IRANIAN STUDENTS ARE STAYING OUT OF IRAN TO AVOID DRAFT, SINCE THEY RECEIVE AUTOMATIC DEFERMENT UNTIL COMPLETION OF STUDIES UP TO AND THROUGH PHD LEVEL. TO MAINTAIN SUCH DEFERMENT, THEY MUST MERELY DOCUMENT THEIR STUDENT STATUS TO IRANIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. IT IS WIDELY BRUITED IN TEHRAN THAT SHORTLY AFTER IRANIAN NEW YEAR (MARCH 21), ALL TRAVELERS 18 OR OLDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT 500,000 RIALS (CA US \$7,407) WITH GOI, REFUNDABLE UPON THEIR RETURN TO IRAN. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO HALT "BRAIN DRAIN". IT IS POSSIBLE IRANIAN STUDENTS ARE AVOIDING RETURN HERE FOR FEAR OF UNCLASSIFIED
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BEING SUBJECT TO THIS DEPOSIT.

5. RE PARA 2, LUXEMBOURG REFTEL, GOI STOPPED ISSUANCE STUDENT (BLACK) PASSPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1973, BUT THOSE ALREADY HAVING THEM ARE PERMITTED TO KEEP THEM. STUDENTS ARE NOW ISSUED REGULAR (RED) PASSPORTS WITH PROFESSION THEREIN LISTED AS "STUDENT", IF SCHOOL PLACEMENT ARRANGED THROUGH MSHE. IF NOT PLACED THROUGH MSHE, SPACE DESIGNATED FOR PROFESSION IS LEFT BLANK.

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